

# MISSISSIPPI DIVISION OF MEDICAID

## Eligibility Policy and Procedures Manual

### CHAPTER 101 – Application and Redetermination Processes

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#### 101.06.03 **STANDARDS OF PROMPTNESS**

##### ❖ **Aged, Blind and Disabled Programs**

Federal rules require that applications be approved or denied, and the applicant notified, within 45 days from the date the application was filed. The processing timeframe is 90 days when a disability determination is required before the eligibility determination can be completed. However, if a separate disability decision is not required, the 45-day standard applies.

The applicable standard of promptness, i.e., 45 or 90 days, is applied to an ABD application from the date an application is filed to the date the notice of decision is mailed to the applicant. When there is a delay, the reason must be documented in the record.

#### 101.06.03A **STANDARD OF PROMPTNESS**

##### ❖ **Families, Children and CHIP Programs**

The FCC programs have a 30-day standard of promptness. No more than 30 days may lapse from the date an application is filed to the date the notice of decision is mailed to the applicant. Any delays in processing FCC applications must be client-caused or requested. When there is a delay, the reason must be documented in the record.

CHIP actions must be authorized no later than the last CHIP deadline that falls prior to or on the 30<sup>th</sup> day after the application date, with CHIP benefits to begin the following month.